

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

July 28, 1999
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County
Mayor Thomas Morales, Avondale	Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa
Vice Mayor John Hawley for Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	* Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	* Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Vice Mayor Joe LaRue for Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Councilmember Phillip Westbrooks for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	* Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek
Mayor Cel Arias, El Mirage	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Mayor Sam Campana, Scottsdale
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
* Governor Mary Thomas, Gila River Indian Community	Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	* Mayor Dallas Gant, Wickenburg
* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	Mayor Eugene Russell, Youngtown
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
* Mayor Frances Osuna, Guadalupe	Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
* Mayor Colin Barleycorn, Litchfield Park	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Chairman Neil Giuliano at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda items not designated for action would be discussed until a quorum was met.

Chairman Giuliano presented Mayor Eugene Russell from Youngtown with his Regional Council membership certificate.

Chairman Giuliano introduced proxies: Vice Mayor John Hawley for Mayor Dusty Hull from Buckeye, Councilmember Phillip Westbrooks for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny from Chandler and Vice Mayor Joe LaRue for Mayor John Keegan from Peoria.

Chairman Giuliano announced that the RPTA has generously agreed to provide transit tickets for individuals who use the bus to get to the Regional Council meeting. He stated that tickets are available following the meeting from Ken Driggs of the RPTA.

Chairman Giuliano announced that for agenda item #7, Red Letter Notifications, a memo was at each place. For agenda item #13, Valley Vision 2025 Update, an information packet was at each place.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Call to the Audience

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Chairman Giuliano noted that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations, which have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. He said that at the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Members of the audience who wish to speak fill out a card and give it to the MAG staff who will bring it to the Chairman.

Chairman Giuliano stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. He indicated that for the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who commented on the recent ozone alerts. She noted that three of the largest employers in the region are members of MAG--the State, the County, and the City of Phoenix. Ms. Barker expressed concern about the efforts of these employers to encourage the trip reduction program and use of mass transit. She challenged others to be multi-modal citizens. Ms. Barker commented on agenda item #10, Transportation Stakeholder Early Input Summary. She commented that the stakeholder process is not a public process because no public comment is allowed during meetings. Ms. Barker commented on agenda item #11, Transportation Funding Guidelines. She commented that the guidelines were determined through a stakeholder process also. Chairman Giuliano thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that since the State's trip reduction program is a regional effort, MAG staff should supply him with the information on efforts by the three largest employers in the region, the State, the County, and the City of Phoenix. He commented that requests by the public should be handled in a timely manner. Mr. Crowley that a lot of territory is not covered by bus service, notably from 67th Avenue westward. Mr. Crowley displayed maps showing the development areas in the west valley not covered by bus service. He asked that copies of the maps be submitted for the record. Mr. Crowley stated that public comment is not allowed for non-action items and is not allowed at certain meetings, but that regulations state that public involvement should be continuous and ongoing. He questioned when input was supposed to take place. He submitted a newspaper article on Valley Vision 2025 for the record. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

3. Approval of May 26, 1999, June 9, 1999 and June 23, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Giuliano asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 1999, June 9, 1999 and June 23, 1999 meetings, since a quorum was present.

Mayor Adolfo Gamez moved, Mayor Wayne Brown seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 26, 1999, June 9, 1999 and June 23, 1999 meetings.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that the next Y2K Forum is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 30, 1999 at the MAG office. He encouraged attendance by member agencies and stated that significant, helpful information on the Y2K issue has resulted from these forums.

Mr. Bourey announced that Art Rullo, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, had passed the third of five parts of the Government Finance Officers Association exam.

Mr. Bourey stated that applications were due on July 15 for the Transportation and Community System Preservation Project. He noted that MAG applied for a grant to help regional planning effort.

Mr. Bourey stated that a Videoconferencing Forum is scheduled for August 9, 1999 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at ASU. He mentioned that an information sheet on the Forum was at each place. Mr. Bourey commented that the Forum will examine and solicit input on videoconferencing systems used in other areas.

Mr. Bourey stated that the next meeting of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force will be August 12, 1999 at the Phoenix Central Public Library. He said another meeting is being scheduled in the West Valley. The MAG meeting hosting the full Task Force is being scheduled for hopefully in September. Mr. Bourey mentioned that a letter from the Governor expressing thanks for staff's assistance to the Task Force was at each place.

Mr. Bourey stated that, on July 23rd, MAG hosted a presentation to the delegation from Chengdu, China. Mr. Bourey stated that the presentation focused on the planning and regional services provided by MAG.

Mr. Bourey stated that a meeting notice canceling the August Regional Council meeting would be sent out. He indicated that the next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for September 22, 1999.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Giuliano stated that prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience are provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda.

Chairman Giuliano noted that items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12 are on the consent agenda.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on agenda item #8, MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2000 Update. He mentioned his request for information of the State, the County, and the City of Phoenix trip reduction program. Mr. Crowley commented on agenda item #10, Transportation Stakeholder Early Input Summary. He stated that public input is not allowed at the stakeholders meetings. Mr. Crowley commented on agenda item

#12, Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. He stated that public input is not allowed at Valley Vision 2025 and stakeholder meetings. Mr. Crowley stated that efforts to reach out to citizens for input need to be increased. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mayor Joan Shafer moved, Mayor Eugene Russell seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve consent agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12.

7. Red Letter Notifications

The Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process in 1996 to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. The process calls for Red Letter notifications (received by MAG from ADOT) to be placed on the consent agendas of the Transportation Review Committee, the Management Committee and the Regional Council for information and discussion. ADOT has forwarded two notifications which impact the Regional Freeway System: Seven Springs Industrial Center, 2730 Grand Avenue, Phoenix, a 6.8 acre parcel that is slated for immediate development. ADOT is conducting appraisals and will acquire the parcel through the ADOT advance right-of-way acquisition program; and the Rio Del Rey Subdivision, northwest corner of 59th Avenue and Broadway Road, an undeveloped, 154 acre, 624 lot, planned subdivision which has recently been re-zoned for residential uses. Preliminary review indicates that 148 lots in the center of the planned subdivision would be in the alignment of the South Mountain Parkway. The section of the South Mountain affected by the subdivision is outside the ADOT funded program and would not be constructed until after 2007. The developer has requested early acquisition of the parcels in the freeway alignment. ADOT has indicated to the property owner that it will not purchase the parcels as the section of freeway affected is outside the ADOT funded program. A member agency requested that the parcel in the South Mountain Parkway alignment be addressed by the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) for possible recommendation to acquire the property. The South Mountain Parkway between Baseline Road and the Papago Freeway is part of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. However, it is not part of the ADOT funded Life Cycle Program for completion by 2007. In accord with adopted procedures, the South Mountain property will be forwarded to the MAG Freeway Program Unit for consideration and will be returned to the MAG TRC for a recommendation. This item could be returned to the Regional Council for possible action.

8. MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2000 Update

The Regional Council, by consent, accepted the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2000 Update. Federal regulations require considering results of six management systems and Title VI in programming projects for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Maricopa Association of Governments annually updates its TIP by adding a new fifth year to the program. The MAG Transportation Management System Report: FY 2000 Update has been prepared as a guide for jurisdictions to use during selection of projects to be included in the FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP. It includes results of six management systems as well as socioeconomic factors. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the Report.

9. Consultant Selection for MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan Update

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the selection of the consultant firm Kimley-Horn & Associates to develop the MAG ITS Strategic Plan Update for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a \$250,000 project to update the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan for the MAG region. A number of key ITS developments at the national and local levels have made this update a high priority need for the region. At the national level, the National ITS Architecture has been defined and all future federally funded ITS projects must meet architectural consistency requirements. In 1996, Phoenix was chosen by USDOT as one of four ITS Model Deployment Initiative (MDI) sites in the nation. This has resulted in an acceleration of ITS technology implementation in the region. The execution of this project will result in a road map for ITS implementation in the MAG region over the next 20 years. Recommendations in the Strategic Plan will be compatible with established regional transportation goals, objectives and policies. On May 9, 1999, a Request for Proposals was advertised. Two proposals were received. These proposals were from Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan Inc. On June 30, 1999, a consultant evaluation panel interviewed both firms. Their recommendation to MAG was to select Kimley-Horn & Associates to conduct the study. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation.

10. Transportation Stakeholder Early Input Summary

As a component of the FY 2000 transportation public involvement program, MAG sponsored a Regional Transportation Stakeholders meeting on June 8, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain initial input on updating the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Representatives from MAG, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Regional Public Transportation Authority and several community groups attended and provided input on important needs and issues to consider in updating the Policy Guidelines for Programming Regional Transportation Funds adopted by the MAG Regional Council on December 9, 1998.

11. Transportation Funding Guidelines

The Regional Council, by consent, approved using the existing Transportation Funding Guidelines for the development of the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. In December 1998, the Regional Council approved guidelines for the programming of regional transportation projects. The development of the FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program is now underway. On June 22, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) reviewed the guidelines. The TRC did not take action to update the guidelines, due to the guidelines being approved within the last six months. The consensus of the TRC was that the existing guidelines should be reviewed in a comprehensive perspective to better focus the application of MAG federal funds and that this comprehensive review and update could not be completed by the end of July for use in the upcoming program cycle. The Management Committee recommended using the existing guidelines for the development of the FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program.

12. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On June 22, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the closeout of the MAG FY 1999 federally funded program. On July 12, 1999, two federal discretionary

projects were added to the TRC recommendation. A TIP amendment is required for the projects involved. Three new projects were specifically recommended for addition to FY 1999 of the MAG 1999-2003 TIP. A fourth project to advance the purchase of buses was also approved, conditional on funding availability. MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93), and has found the projects to be exempt under that rule. This finding is being transmitted for consultation purposes to the agencies and other interested parties. Comments on the conformity assessment were due by July 28, 1999.

13. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that a lot of hard work has been done on the Valley Vision 2025 draft report. He noted that the three co-chairs of the Committee, Diane McCarthy, Councilmember Richard Thomas, and George Young were present at the Regional Council meeting, in addition to Quentin Smith, the new chair of the Greater Phoenix Leadership.

Ms. McCarthy expressed appreciation for the support of the Regional Council as the Vision document was drafted. She indicated that the draft was at each place. Ms. McCarthy noted that other regions that had completed a vision process indicated that the process was not always easy. Ms. McCarthy stated that the turning point in the process was the framework, compiled from input gathered by the subcommittees and the collaboratives, being pulled together by Doug Henton of Collaborative Economics. She mentioned that Mr. Henton was instrumental in the Silicon Valley, CA 2010 document. Ms. McCarthy stated that the draft vision document would be presented to the full committee for review at their meeting on August 4, 1999. After review by the full Committee, the draft will then be presented at six forums in the region for public comment. Ms. McCarthy stated that assistance of the media and notices in utility bills are being considered to increase public awareness and input. Ms. McCarthy noted that objectives would be developed so each goal will have a measure of progress. She indicated that an aggressive schedule would be continued the remainder of the year.

George Young stated that great progress achieved has been achieved in the 18 months since the vision process was begun. He expressed thanks for continued support. Mr. Young stated that he looks forward to additional public input on the document.

Councilmember Richard Thomas stated that the vision project is important and could not be achieved without the support of the Regional Council and commitment of the Valley Vision Committee. Councilmember Thomas expressed thanks and appreciation to all.

Ms. McCarthy introduced Quentin Smith, new chair of the Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL). Mr. Smith stated that the mission of the GPL is to act as a facilitator to ensure the quality of life in the greater Phoenix area. He noted that GPL has searched for the best vehicle to accomplish their mission and became interested in the Valley Vision 2025 project. Mr. Smith stated that the GPL Board would hopefully endorse a partnership with MAG at their meeting in September.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Young, Councilmember Thomas, and Mr. Smith. He commented on the importance of a MAG/GPL partnership. Chairman Giuliano asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Shafer asked the amount of expenditure on the project. Mr. Bourey replied that a report would be complete by the next Regional Council meeting. He indicated that approximately \$500,000-\$600,000 has been spent. In comparison to similar-sized metro areas, where each spent approximately \$2-2½ million on a vision project, Valley Vision is maintaining a moderate budget. Mayor Shafer stated that items in the vision document appear in most cities' general plans. Mr. Bourey commented that the collaborative process is the foundation of the document. He remarked that the draft presented tonight is a summary of the substantial material gathered. Mr. Bourey mentioned that this extensive material is readily available for a more detailed review. Chairman Giuliano stated that this document is a result of public input. He noted that the framework is an important provision of the document and provides coordination and recommendations for the Legislature and Regional Council for the future. Chairman Giuliano stated that, with the completion of the draft goals, the support of the private sector could be solicited.

14. CANAMEX Corridor Update

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who encouraged cooperation with other agencies on CANAMEX in addition to MAG and ADOT. He commented on keeping information consistent and disseminating the information to other agencies. Mr. Crowley commented on possible routes and obtaining input from the West Valley. He commented on additional TEA-21 funding being available. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mr. Bourey stated that the joint study is recommended by both ADOT and MAG. He indicated that the CANAMEX corridor has been defined, but not the route within the Phoenix metropolitan area. He noted that the process to determine a route through our region would be established by action of the Regional Council. Mr. Bourey introduced Karen Mills, Project Manager from ADOT.

Ms. Mills gave a presentation on the proposed MAG/ADOT joint study. She displayed a map of the CANAMEX corridor from Alberta, Canada to Nogales, Mexico. She summarized federal regulations and project funding resources made available by TEA-21 funding. Ms. Mills stated that, although funding is limited, Arizona has received \$58 million in federal funds since the passage of TEA-21. She indicated that Arizona received 50 percent of the Section 1119 funds and 100 percent of the corridor planning funds requested. Ms. Mills summarized the corridor study process. She stated that Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Montana, and possibly Idaho would participate in a multi-state CANAMEX corridor study. Ms. Mills mentioned that an RFP for a Project Manager is in preparation by ADOT. This Project Manager would coordinate the work on the corridor statewide. She estimated the timeline for the study would be approximately 18-24 months. Ms. Mills indicated that previous studies on possible routes have been done. Chairman Giuliano thanked Ms. Mills for her presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Beyer stated that public input on the possible CANAMEX routes was received at the CTOC meeting on July 27, 1999. He encouraged involvement of the unincorporated areas of Sun City and Sun City West in the process. Mr. Beyer stated that he strongly supports this study.

Mayor Bill Arnold expressed appreciation for the involvement of the West Valley in the process. He indicated that he looks forward to the study process.

Bill Beyer moved, Mayor Russell seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve that MAG participate with ADOT in a joint study to select a CANAMEX route through this region.

15. Federal Fiscal Year 1999 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on constructing a tunnel at I-17 and the Grand Canal in order to continue the bike paths. He noted that I-17 is presently under reconstruction and indicated that regulations state that bike and pedestrian walkways shall be considered during reconstruction. Mr. Crowley commented on the safety concerns resulting from the lack of continued pathways on the Grand Canal as it crosses I-17. Mr. Crowley commented on utilizing existing rail in future transportation planning. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Paul Ward stated that the Federal Fiscal Year 1999 begins on October 1, 1998 and ends September 30, 1999. He noted that we are now in the final closeout of FY 1999. Mr. Ward summarized the various steps required to close out the program. He displayed a presentation showing that FY 1999 federal funds available to MAG are \$61 million. Mr. Ward stated that \$33.5 million is obligated to projects, \$28 million is expected to obligate, \$750,000 is carried forward, and \$412,000 is remaining. He stated that projects requested for carry forward to FY 2000 total \$3.06 million and include the Scottsdale traffic signal system, the three Surprise dust control projects, the Tempe Apache Boulevard pedestrian lighting project, and the Maricopa County AzTech data server. Projects recommended for addition to FY 1999 are the Job Access and Reverse Commute and the Maricopa County Work Links project. Mr. Ward stated that the accelerated purchase of transit vehicles is recommended for FY 2000 in order to use the uncommitted or redistributed obligation funds. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Ward for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Cynthia Dunham moved, Roc Arnett seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve to Carry forward the Scottsdale traffic signal coordination project (\$1.6 million, CMAQ); three dust control projects in Surprise (\$285,900, CMAQ); the Tempe Apache Boulevard pedestrian lighting project (\$707,250, CMAQ); and the Maricopa County Upgrade AzTech Data Server project (\$471,500, CMAQ) to Federal FY 2000; Add the Job Access and Reverse Commute project (up to \$150,000, Section 3037 funds) and the Maricopa County Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program (up to \$750,000, CMAQ/ STP-MAG and up to \$1,000,000, Section 3037 funds) to FY 1999; Authorize an amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the Job Access and Reverse Commute, Maricopa County Work Links, and the Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program in FY 1999 and the use of any unutilized OA (after full FY 1999 funding of the Work Links program) to accelerate the purchase of RPTA transit vehicles from future years.

16. Report on Presentation to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force on Regional Transportation Funding Need

Mr. Bourey stated that on July 8, 1999, MAG staff gave a presentation to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force, Definition of Needs, Resources and Revenue Committee. This presentation provided an overview of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and potential funding needs and included information on projections, planning process, technical planning analyses, overview of adopted plans, a vision of transportation needs beyond the plan and funding needs. The

presentation focused on funding needs to complete the plan and additional funding needs beyond the plan. Mr. Bourey displayed a bar chart that showed current available long range plan funding and the funding deficit. He commented that \$9.4 billion is needed for necessary projects, and the number could easily double if projects beyond the immediate need were included. Mr. Bourey noted that a packet of the presentation materials is available by request. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Bourey stated that the joint meeting of the Regional Council and the full Task Force is being scheduled for the fall.

17. Update on Governor's Growing Smarter Commission

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who urged a more cooperative effort on Growing Smarter. Mr. Crowley displayed maps showing the areas of development from 67th Avenue westward that do not have transit service. He encouraged extending transit service to these outlying areas. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Giuliano stated that a handout of the Draft MAG Policy on Growing Smarter was at each place. He asked for clarification on the difference between the MAG recommendations dated July 28th and those dated July 20th. Mr. Bourey noted that MAG's position is to provide input to the Growing Smarter Commission. Mr. Bourey stated that, at the request of the Management Committee, a meeting of representatives of member agencies to discuss the Growing Smarter policies was held. After discussion at the meeting, Mr. Bourey stated that in the July 20th version, the wording in the last sentence of the second paragraph, page #1, under *Recommendation*, "If the components that are opposed for are included in the Growing Smarter recommendation for the urbanized counties, we recommend opposition to Growing Smarter" was changed. The new wording, in the July 28th version is, "If the components of Growing Smarter to which staff recommends opposition are included in the final report for the urbanized counties, staff recommends that the MAG policy on Growing Smarter should be revisited." Mr. Bourey indicated that input to the Commission was due by July 30th, but that date has been extended to August. Mr. Bourey stated that Corey Cox, who has been involved in Growing Smarter since its inception, would present a report.

Ms. Cox stated that some of the policies would be advantageous to member agencies, some are detrimental and some require further study. She stated that the differences between urban and rural areas should be considered in the adoption process. Ms. Cox summarized the MAG staff recommendations to approve, oppose and study the policies further.

Bill Beyer expressed his appreciation for the language change from "oppose" to "revisit." He indicated that he agrees with the basic recommendations of the policies.

Supervisor Don Stapley stated that the County did not participate in the member agency meeting. He indicated that the County has interest in Item #7, page 2, Regulations for Lot Splits, in the *Staff Recommendations* section, and Item #1, page 3, County Facilities District and Joint Planning Areas, under *Staff Recommendations to Oppose* section.

Supervisor Stapley made a motion to move Item #7 in the *Staff Recommendations* section, and Item #1 in the *Staff Recommendations to Oppose* section to the *Staff Recommends Further Study* section. Mayor Thomas Morales seconded. Chairman Giuliano asked for discussion of the motion.

Mayor Cynthia Dunham stated that lot splits are a concern in the Town of Gilbert. She commented that she opposes moving Item #7 and Item #1 to the further study section.

Supervisor Stapley stated that the County wants the ability to regulate lot splits. He stated that he disagrees with the wording in Item #7 that the current proposal “would not solve these problems.” Supervisor Stapley indicated that the County’s intentions are the same as the cities’ in making lot splits more difficult. He commented that the County would like further discussion to learn more detail on these two items.

Mayor Vincent Francia indicated his support for Supervisor Stapley’s motion. He noted that lot splits are a concern for the Town of Cave Creek. Mayor Francia commented that Item #2, page 1, Additional Revenues for Open Space, Stewardship Trust, Conservation Easements, Revenues for Purchase of Development Rights, Transfer of Development Rights, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Contributory Value, is also a great concern for his Town.

Mayor Morales stated that, although he has no concerns about the recommendations, he supports requests made for more study.

Chairman Giuliano clarified the motion made by Supervisor Stapley. He noted that the motion changes the verbiage in Item #7 to state, “Arizona lacks the laws to control substandard County subdivisions. This has resulted in many substandard subdivisions that have high public and individual costs. There is a need for stronger regulation. Counties that are significantly urbanized should have the authority to regulate subdivisions to city subdivision standards”, strikes the sentence, “The remedies suggested by the current Growing Smarter report, such as improved disclosure laws, would not solve these problems.” Mayor Dunham stated that the sentence “There is a need for stronger regulation,” could include the wording, “and remedies”.

Chairman Giuliano stated that the motion on the table is to approve the draft recommendations from the Growing Smarter Draft Report, with the change in verbiage for Item #7 to read, “Arizona lacks the laws to control substandard County subdivisions. This has resulted in many substandard subdivisions that have high public and individual costs. There is a need for stronger regulation and remedies. Counties that are significantly urbanized should have the authority to regulate subdivisions to city subdivision standards.” Also, to place Item #1 in the *Staff Recommends Further Study* section.

Chairman Giuliano commented that the City of Tempe has concerns regarding Item #1. He indicated that the City has areas that could fall under this element.

Mayor Wayne Brown commented that the Growing Smarter report could cause additional sprawl. He expressed concern about the report and the lack of progress by the commission. He indicated that continued discussion on the recommendations would not be harmful.

Councilmember Phillip Westbrook commented that growth is a serious issue that needs to be addressed and expressed support for Mayor Dunham’s and Mayor Brown’s viewpoints.

Vice Mayor Joe LaRue requested clarification on community facility districts. Supervisor Stapley explained that the language could cripple the County in dealing with satellite communities. He indicated that it would be more difficult for the County to manage compliance of developments.

Mayor Francia expressed that he wanted to go on record that additional information is needed. He indicated that the Town of Cave Creek opposes Growing Smarter as a management policy.

Supervisor Stapley commented that Item #1 wording changed from “would promote,” to “may potentially” would be acceptable to him.

Vice Mayor LaRue commented that these policies are the tools needed by the County. He indicated that a compromise is needed.

Mayor Dunham indicated her agreement with the changes to Item #7, but would not consider further study of Item #1.

Chairman Giuliano asked for a vote on the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 10 No, 6 Yes and one not voting.

Mayor Sam Campana moved to approve the draft MAG policy recommendations from the Growing Smarter Draft Report, with the change in verbiage for Item #7 to read, “Arizona lacks the laws to control substandard County subdivisions. This has resulted in many substandard subdivisions that have high public and individual costs. There is a need for stronger regulation and remedies. Counties that are significantly urbanized should have the authority to regulate subdivisions to city subdivision standards.” Mayor Dunham seconded. The motion carried with Supervisor Stapley and Mayor Francia voting No and Roc Arnett not voting.

Chairman Giuliano announced that a progressive dinner in Suite 300 upstairs would be held for the members of the Regional Council and their staff who had confirmed their dinner reservations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary